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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 29, 2003, applicant elects without traverse the invention of Group I, comprising claims 1 - 24, 48 and 49 drawn to a method of installing a cable in an inner pathway.

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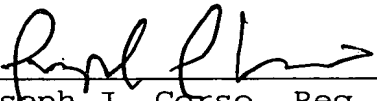
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In response to the election of species requirement, applicant elects the species of FIGS. 10 and 11. The following claims are readable on the elected species: claims 1 - 5, 7, 8, 12, 22 - 24, 48 and 49.

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